(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Central Government propose to provide financial help especially to the cash-strapped backward States such as Orissa for execution of these projects; and

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) The National Urban Transport Policy encourages all proven technologies to be appropriately evaluated in determining the appropriate solution for a mass transport system in any city. This should take into account the advantages and disadvantages of the available technologies and their suitability to different local situations.

(c) and (d) The National Urban Transport Policy offers Central Government's support by way of 50% of the cost of preparing comprehensive city transport plans and detailed project reports as well as equity participation and/or Viability Gap funding to the extent of 20% of the capital cost of public transport systems.

Urban transport policy

3609. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any urban transport policy has been formulated;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is proposed to provide financial assistance for transport facility in 63 cities;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKAN): (a) and (b) A National Urban Transport Policy (NUTP) has been approved by the Government in April, 2006. It, *inter alia*, seeks to promote integrated land use and transport planning, greater use of public transport and non-motorized modes of travel as well as use of cleaner technologies. It offers Central

Government's financial support for investments in public transport infrastructure for greater use of non-motorized modes, construction of parking facilities, including demonstrative pilot projects. It encourages capacity building, innovative financial mechanisms, institutional coordination, association of the private sector and need for public awareness and cooperation.

(c) and (d) The National Urban Transport Policy envisages Central Government's support as under:

50% of the cost of preparing comprehensive city transport plans and detailed project reports.

Equity or one time viability gap financing subject to a ceiling of 20% of the capital cost of the project for high capacity public transport systems.

63 cities covered under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) would also be eligible for assistance as per NUTP.

(e) Does not arise.

Funds for Indore sewage disposal scheme

†3610. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal was sent to Central Government on 31st December, 2002 to sanction funds for sewage disposal scheme for Indore city; and

(b) if so, by when the funds are likely to be sanctioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKAN): (a) and (b) In January 2003, Central Public Health Engineering and Environmental Organisation (CPHEEO), technical wing of this Ministry, received a proposal from the Government of Madhya Pradesh for Sewerage Project for Indore city at an estimated cost of Rs. 540.92 crore for technical approval. Technical comments were conveyed to the State Government in May 2003. No financial assistance from the Central Government was sought in that proposal.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.